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ISOLATION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS”

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, and in response to the Office Action mailed January 29, 2004, Applicants request entry of the amendment, and allowance of the claims.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.